

This weekend, Sunday 9th February, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice Sunday. The theme of this year's *Racial Justice Sunday* is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales". Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church. The aim of this *Racial Justice Sunday* is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background.

When he met with Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities Pope Francis said:
"The time has come to put an end to age-old prejudices, preconceptions and mutual mistrust that are often at the base of discrimination, racism and xenophobia. No one must feel isolated, and no one is authorised to trample on the dignity and rights of others."

Pope Francis February Intentions: Listen to the Migrants' Cries.

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



A Prayer for our Parish Community

Almighty God,

we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of our Church and Parish:

In the ministry of word and sacrament, in teaching and pastoral care, in service to the Diocese and Deanery.

The community and those in need, in ecumenical fellowship and co-operation.

We pray for all members of the congregation, that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love, shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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<p>Our Schools: Christ the King Primary - 0116 2857261 - www.ctlk.org/p_Home.ikml English Martyrs' Secondary - 0116 2428880 - www.emschool.co.uk/</p>		
<p>Parish Hall Bookings: please contact 07586700914</p>		



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th - 16th February 2020

Sunday 9.02	10.30am	Jack Frid RIP	Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinth 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16
	4pm	Soby and Family Thanks	
Monday 10.02		No Mass	
Tue 11.02		Priests Retreat - no Service	
Wed 12.02		Priests Retreat - no Service	
Thu 13.02		Priests Retreat - no Service	
Friday 14.02		Priests Retreat - no Service	
Sat 15.02	10am	People of the Parish	1 Kings 12:26-32-13:33-34 1Mark 8:1-10
Sunday 16.02	10.30am	Nora Freyne RIP	Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37
	4pm	Malayalam Mass	

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass.
 Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

Feast of the week:

Friday, SS Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe.



Coronavirus Advice from the Public Health Office and the Bishop...

- Cover mouth and nose while sneezing or coughing, and regular washing of hands.
- If you feel uncomfortable, for the moment, about shaking hands at the sign of peace, then bow to the other person and say: 'Peace be with you'.
- If a parishioner feels uncomfortable, for the moment, about receiving from the chalice, then they could refrain from doing so.

40 Days is a peaceful and prayerful way to work for an end to abortion. In Nottingham, with the support of Bishop Patrick, we have prayed outside the abortion facility at the QMC during Lent over the last few years: routine abortions no longer take place there. This year we will be at the Stapleford Care Centre, which contains a BPAS abortion clinic. You're invited to stand and peacefully pray for an hour or two during a 40-day vigil running for 12 hours daily during Lent. Please sign up now to pray with us at 40daysforlife.com/Nottingham, or come to our information evening on 13 February. Contact us at 40daysforlifenotts@gmail.com.

Annual (Valentine) Marriage Mass: This Annual Diocesan Mass to celebrate the gift of Christian Marriage, is where married couples are able to renew their vows before the Bishop, and receive his Apostolic blessing on their Marriages. This year, it will take place on **Sunday 16th February, 3pm at St Barnabas Cathedral**. This Mass is open to all married couples, but is especially appropriate to those recently married, or celebrating a significant anniversary. All are Welcome. (If you require more details please contact Fr. David Palmer: catholicdavid@mac.com)

Year of the Word: National Scripture Tour. The Tour arrives in the Diocese of Nottingham on Saturday 22nd February 2020 at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Newark NG24 4AU between 10 am and 4.30 pm. Pete Codling, the artist for the year, will be showcasing his artwork so please do try and pop in during these times and take a look. Other Scripture tents to inspire us are; Mary and the Word, Seeing the Word, Exploring the Word, Sharing The Word, Living The Word. All Welcome, plus, there will be a family competition to enter on the day. **See poster in church porch.**

Another Day for Catholic Women on Saturday 29th February St Joseph's, Leicester. Catholic Women share their experience, understandings and vision for our Catholic Church through interviews representing the diverse cultures that make up our universal Church and are currently living here in the United Kingdom. The day is open to all women who identify as Catholic, whether or not they are still actively involved in parish life, and we also welcome those who no longer practice their faith and perhaps feel the Catholic Faith is no longer relevant to them. There is no charge for the day although lunch (soup, rolls, cakes, etc.) is available at £3.50. To book a place telephone 0116 220 7881 or email Alison.CWS@outlook.com or CatherineMaryBrady@gmail.com

Join Bishop Patrick in this Year of the Word event on Saturday March 7th beginning at 7.45 pm: "Experience the spiritual and artistic grandeur of Bach's great reading of Christ's passion in St. Barnabas Cathedral". Tickets: £16, £12, £10 available online from www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com or Nottingham Tourism Centre underneath the Council House. **See poster in church porch.**

AFTERNNOON TEA - COME AND SHARE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WITH YOUR ONE WONDERFUL LIFE, for women 18 + at Nottingham on Saturday, 14th March 2020 2.30 - 4pm at The Old Friary Gordon Road; St. Ann's; Nottingham; NG3 2LG. More information available from Sr Maureen or Sr Susan OR the Vocation Office at the Old Friary nottinghamvocations@hotmail.co.uk

FAITH INTO ACTION: A day to build social action in the Diocese of Nottingham on Saturday 28 March 2020, Cathedral Hall, Nottingham. Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet - and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. 'Faith into Action' is a day to take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction, or call 07470 907656 for further information.

VACANCY: Opportunity to work for Marriage Care. Marriage Care is seeking to appoint a part time Team Leader to head our Appointment Service. The successful applicant will help us support adult relationships through our marriage preparation and relationship counselling services and will support our gifted team of 600 volunteers across England and Wales. For more information please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved. Closing date for applications is 27th February.

Financial details: Loose Plate £161.07. Envelopes £262.50. Second Collection £93.06. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

300 Club: 2nd February £50 K Scott (1). £25 Mr P Doherty (25), S Colaco (112).

300 CLUB DIVIDEND: The 300 Club committee is delighted to announce a dividend for the year ending October 2019 of £8,100 to be shared equally between our parishes of Mother of God, Blessed Sacrament and St Peter's - at £2,700 per parish. Thank you to all members for their generous contributions to make this fantastic result possible. Any queries, or if you would like to join this valuable fund-raising for our parishes for only £5 per month, please contact one of the collectors or call Marian on 0116 2246 258. Good luck with the future draws.

Thought for the week: "The environment is in us, not outside of us. The trees are our lungs, the rivers our bloodstream, and what you do to the environment, ultimately, you do to yourself." ~ Ian Somerhalder

Mass Intentions. One of the great gifts we can give to someone is to have a Mass offered for their intention or for the repose of their soul. To request a Mass please use the envelopes found at the back of the church. Please state if the Mass is for a deceased person, birthday or any special intentions. **Thank you.**

Please keep in your prayers all the sick and housebound people of the parish. If you know of anyone who would like a visit from Father George, please let him know.



And also let us pray for the thousands of families in the central part of the Philippines who became homeless due to the eruption of the Taal Volcano 3 weeks ago.